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1. On 20 December 1950, it was learned from department chiefs of the DDR Reichsbahn Directorate General that no efforts had been made as of that date to concentrate flatcars in specific railroad districts. All flatcars continue to be distributed evenly among the Reichsbahn Directorates. Only the Kabelwerk Berlin-Oberschöneweide was assigned an unusually large number of flatcars.
2. As of 28 December, the railroad offices at the border crossing points Küstrin, Frankfurt/Oder, and Guben, had received no information on any imminent, large-scale shipments.
3. Nothing could be learned at the Reichsbahn Directorate General on the alerting of locomotive columns or the employment of locomotive reserves. As of the evening of 26 December, no locomotive columns were reported to have been placed on a stand-by basis in the Frankfurt/Oder and Cottbus areas.

Comment: The above information confirms observations

in Frankfurt/Oder, according to which east-west traffic was normal up to 22 December 1950. The assignment of an unusual number of flatcars in the Berlin-Oberschöneweide area is explained by the arrival from the USSR of shipments of used trucks at the 53rd Central Repair Shop in Oberschöneweide in the course of the last weeks.

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